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SUBJECT: JANUARY 17 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. CHINA

REUTERS REPORTS LI HSIEN-NIEN MEETS DAVID ROCKEFELLER IN
PEKING (SUN).

WP REPORTS QUOTATION BY HUA REPLACES A TRADITIONAL MAO
QUOTE ON FRONT PAGE OF PD FOR FIRST TIME. QUOTE REFERS TO
NATIONAL ECO. GROWTH AND APPEARED IN SPACE USUALLY OCCUPIED
BY MARX/ENGELS/Lenin/STALIN/MAO QUOTES.

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PHINQ AND NYT CARRY REUTERS REPORT FROM SHANGHAI SAYING THAT
CAMPAIGN TO REHABILITATE TENG SPILLED OUT INTO STREETS AS
CROWDS READ POSTERS PRAISING HIM. TOP SHANGHAI OFFICIAL
REFERS TO TENG AS "COMRADE." OTHER MOVES IN FORMER HOT-
BED OF RADICALISM SHOW GROWING STRENGTH OF PRO-TENG MOVE-
MENT. JACQUES LESLIE (LAT) SAYS FOREIGN ANALYSTS UNCERTAIN
AS TO PRECISE LINEUP IN CURRENT INTERNAL STRUGGLE. SAYS
HONG KONG OBSERVERS PUZZLED BY POSTERS CALLING FOR TENG'S
REAPPOINTMENT. LI MAY HAVE BEEN OFFERED POST BUT TURNED
IT DOWN IN DEFERENCE TO TENG. OTHER THEORY BELIEVES HUA

AND TENG WORKING IN TANDEM.

NYT CARRIES EXCERPT FROM "WORKING PAPERS" PUBLISHED BY ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION WHICH PROVIDES VERBATIM ACCOUNT OF VANCE-TENG CONVERSATIONS IN 1975. SUBJECTS COVERED INCLUDE NUCLEAR TESTS AND WEAPONS (BOTH AGREE ON NO FIRST-USE BUT ON NOTHING ELSE); NORMALIZING RELATIONS (VANCE COMPLAINS OF ANTI-US STATEMENTS BY PRC OFFICIALS, TENG SAYS NO FORWARD STEPS POSSIBLE ON MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE SUCH AS TAIWAN'S REUNION WITH MOTHERLAND); KOREA (TENG ADVISES US TO BE PRUDENT AND CAREFUL).

SUN CARRIES LENGTHY STORY ON US CHINA PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION. POINTS OUT THAT RECOMMENDATION OF ASSOCIATION VITAL FOR PRIVATE TRAVEL TO PRC BY AMCITS. ASSOC NOW BROADENING ITS CONTACTS IN US COMMUNITIES. EIGHTY LOCAL CHAPTERS EXIST THROUGHOUT US.

SUN CARRIES AP REPORT ON ANTI-BUDDHIST CAMPAIGN BY MONGOLIA'S RULERS.

JOC CARRIES UPI REPORT THAT PREDICTS INCREASED EXPORTS OF OIL AND MINERALS NOW THAT "GANG OF FOUR" PURGED, ACCORDING TO FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

2. INDOCHINA
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CAMBODIAN FONMIN DENIES RESPONSIBILITY FOR FRONTIER INCIDENTS W/NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES (AFP, WP). QUAKERS SHIP 1ST LOAD US HUMANITARIAN AID TO CAMBODIA; OVER TON MEDICINES VALUED AT 12,000 DOLS SENT TO COMBAT MALARIA (AP, SUN 1/16).

3. INDONESIA

FOREIGNERS FACE TOUGH DRUG LAWS IN BALI. MANY UNAWARE INDO AUTHORITIES DETERMINED ENFORCE NEW LAWS FOREIGN EMBASSIES CAN DO LITTLE TO HELP (REUTER, SUN 1/16).

4. HONG KONG

MATHEWS (WP) DESCRIBES WORK/PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN BUILDING SUBWAY. BELIEVES WILL MAKE MONEY, ELIMINATE SOME PRESENT TRAFFIC CHAOS.

5. JAPAN

IN ITEM RE US' CONTINUED NEGOTS ON 200-MILE LIMIT, MINER (CSM) NOTES JAPAN STILL HOLDOUT. NEGOTS BEING CONDUCTED THRU DIPL CHANNELS RATHER THAN FACE-TO-FACE MTGS, AND ACCORDING OFFICE FISHERIES AFFAIRS, BOTH SIDES EXPECT AGREE-

MENT.

ELLIS (CSM) QUOTES BROOKINGS INSTITUTE SENIOR FELLOW KRAUSE THAT US CANNOT DO JOB WORLD ECON RECOVERY ALONE; JAPAN/FRG MUST "PUMP UP" ECONS/EXPAND ABILITY BUY GOODS FROM OTHER LANDS. NOTES MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES "DEPEND ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON JAPAN" FOR ECON STIMULUS.

ECON PLNG AGNCY REPORTS NEW PRIVATE ORDERS FOR MACHINERY FELL FOR 2ND CONSECUTIVE MONTH IN NOV; NEW BUSINESS ORDERS OFF 3.2 PCT FROM OCT (UPI, JOC).

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REUTER'S NEALE DOES ITEM ON "JAPAN TIMES" ARTICLE WRITTEN BY WARTIME INTERPRETER KARL KINDERMANN, WHO SAYS WWII SO-VIET MASTER SPY RICHARD SORGE NOT HANGED BY JAPANESE, AS HISTORY BOOKS RECORD, BUT SECRETLY SENT TO SIBERIA/FREED IN EXCHANGE FOR PLEDGE BY MOSCOW REMAIN NEUTRAL TOWARD JAPAN IN WAR (WP).

6. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS PROMISES SAFE CONDUCT FOR REPS MOSLEM REBEL GROUP ENTERING 13 S PROVINCES TO SUPERVISE CEASE-FIRE IN GUERRILLA WAR (AP, NYT 1/16).

WIDEMAN (WP) REPORTS PHIL PRESS GIVING LAVISH/LAUDATORY COVERAGE TO LIBYAN LEADER QADDAFI, IN APPARENT EFFORT PERSUADE HIM NOT RENEW SUPPORT FOR FIL MOSLEM REBELS. SECOND ROUND PEACE TALKS BETWEEN MOSLEMS/GOP SCHEDULED BETWEEN 2/5-3/3 IN TRIPOLI (AP, WP 1/16).

7. KOREA

NYT'S MALCOLM (SEOUL 1/16) SAYS CARTER'S PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS FROM ROK HAS AROUSED STRONG OPPOSITION ACROSS ENTIRE SK POL SPECTRUM, AND "SOME NEW WORRIES IN JAPAN." MALCOLM CITES AMB SNEIDER'S NEW YEAR INTERVIEW/ OTHER REASSURANCES, BUT ASSERTS FEAR EXISTS WITHDRAWAL MAY BE HASTENED BY NEW ADMIN.

MALCOLM (NYT 1/15) ALSO DOES PIECE STATING NDP, CONTINUING ITS RUINOUS FACTIONALISM, APPEARS ON BRINK OF ANOTHER BATTLE WHICH COULD FURTHER WEAKEN IT.

WP'S ARMSTRONG/CHESHIRE DO LENGTHY PIECE RE CENTRAL ROLE TONGSUN PARK IN BILLION DOL STRUGGLE BETWEEN MULTINATIONALS FOR INDONESIA-JAPAN LNG SHIPPING CONTRACT. BASIC CONTESTANTS, UK'S BURMAH OIL/US GEN DYNAMICS VS US CONGLOMER-
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ATE I.U. INT'L, BOTH ACCUSE PARK OF IMPROPERLY WORKING FOR OTHER. BURMAH ADMITS PAYING PARK 3 MILL DOLS, BUT DENIES ANY IMPROPRIETY.

IN APPARENT HOAX, AT LEAST 6 US MEMBERS CONGRESS RECEIVE BY MAIL SUBSTANTIAL "CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION" CHECKS FROM SOMEONE POSING AS KAL OFFICIAL. SEN CRANSTON (D-CAL) TURNS HIS CHECK FOR 70,000 DOLS OVER TO FBI (WP 1/16).

CARTOONIST TRUDEAU DOES "DOONESBURY" STRIP RE NEW "CONGRESSWOMAN DAVENPORT'S" TAKEOVER "CONGRESSMAN VENTURA'S" OFFICE--SHE ADMIRES SILVER CIGAR BOX INSCRIBED "IN GRATITUDE FROM THE ROK," ASKING WHETHER IT GIFT. DISTURBED VENTURA RESPONDS "NO' IT WAS NOT; I WON IT IN A POKER GAME" (WP 1/16).

FIRST CHICAGO LTD ANNOUNCES IT/8 OTHER INT'L BANKS HAVE ARRANGED 132.9 MILL DOLS 7 YR LOAN FOR KECO TO HELP BUILD NUKE POWER PLANT (WSJ).

NK POSTPONES NEW ECON DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHILE TRYING "SORT OUT MESS" CREATED BY LAST PLAN--KIM IL SUNG ANNOUNCES 1977 WILL BE "YEAR OF READJUSTMENT" IN NK ECONOMY (WSTAR'S BRADSHER 1/15).

8. GENERAL

GWERTZMAN (NYT) NOTES BRZEZINSKI REVISES STAFF/SYSTEMS AT NSC TO CHANGE IMAGE FROM "MINI" DOS TO CARRY OUT BASIC FUNCTIONS: TO TAKE HARD LOOK AT DEFENSE BUDGET/ WEAPONS SYSTEMS/OVERALL DEFENSE PROGRAMS; TO SERVE AS "THINK TANK" FOR PRES. MENTIONS CHINESE AFFAIRS WILL BE HANDLED BY U MICH'S PROF OXENBERG, JAPANESE AFFAIRS BY FSO MIKE ARMACOST.

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TREWHITT (SUN) REPORTS CARTER CAMP FOPOLICY GOALS. QUOTES OPINION THAT CARTER'S FOPOLICY ADVISERS GOOD, BUT FORE-SEES DELICATE PERIOD WHILE BROWN/VANCE SORT OUT RELATIONSHIPS W/BRZEZINSKI.

SULLIVAN (NYT) SAYS NEGOTS TO BE CONDUCTED IN COMING MOS MAY WELL DETERMINE ANTARCTICA'S FATE. NOTES JAPAN/ TAIWAN/USSR/POLAND NOW HARVESTING KRILL IN AREA. ADDS PRESENT TREATY SIGNED BY CLAIMANTS, INCL AUSTRALIA/NZ, PLUS COUNTRIES ACTIVE IN RESEARCH THERE, INCL JAPAN- MENTIONS AUSTRALIA CONSIDERS ITS CLAIM "NOT NEGOTIABLE"; NZ INDICATES MORE FLEXIBILITY ON CLAIM.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. JAPAN

IN ITEM ON CARTER'S ECON POL, MCCracken (WSJ) CITES NEED US COOPERATION W/FRG, JAPAN. SAYS CARTER WILL FIND FUKUDA ONE OF "MOST SOPHISTICATED STUDENTS" ECON POL IN INTL POL ARENA TODAY.

10. CHINA

MUNRO (CSM) NOTES PEKING POSTERS GIVE "UNAPPRECIATED CALLIGRAPHERS" AND "FRUSTRATED POETS" BRIEF OPPORTUNITY "SHOW THEIR STUFF," EVEN IF EXPRESSED IN OFFICIALLY-SANCTIONED POL SENTIMENTS.

11. NAURU

PHINQ EDIT URGING CARTER MAKE GOOD ON PROMISE BRING GOVT CLOSER TO PEOPLE OFFERS NAURU'S NEW PRES AS IDEAL EXAMPLE EXECUTIVE ACCESSIBILITY--HE'S ALSO PROPRIETOR OF GENERAL STORE IN ISLAND'S LARGEST VILLAGE.

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12. GENERAL

WP'S OBERDORFER REPORTS 12 CHURCH/POL ORGS SUNDAY CHALLENGED RECENT DOS' REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN 5 COUNTRIES, INCL INDONESIA, PHILS, ASKED CARTER ORDER MORE/BETTER INFO BE MADE PUBLIC/CUT OFF US SECURITY ASSISTANCE ON GROUNDS NATIONS ENGAGE IN "CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATION" INTLLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS.

WSJ COMMENDS INJECTION HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN US FOPOL, BUT SAYS SAME STANDARDS SHOULD BE APPLIED EVERYWHERE. MENTIONS 6 COUNTRIES, INCL PHILS, INDONESIA WHERE "SERIOUS AND OBNOXIOUS VIOLATIONS" HUMAN RIGHTS EXIST; BUT ADDS "OUR ALLIES ARE ON BALANCE AMATEURS" IN SUPPRESSION WHEN COMPARED TO "THEIR RIVALS" IN E BLOC.

EVANS/NOVAK (WP 1/15) DISCUSS EXPECTED CHANGES DOD PERSPECTIVE UNDER NEW SECDEF BROWN. AMONG OTHER ITEMS, STATE BROWN MORE OPTIMISTIC RE SALT, APPARENTLY DOES NOT BELIEVE US CONCESSIONS WILL ENCOURAGE NUKE DEVELOPMENT IN "SUCH SMALL STATES AS SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN."

HOFFMANN (NYT 1/16) REVIEWS HAK'S CAREER. FINDS TIES W/PEKING "VALUABLE, BUT INCOMPLETE." SAYS CANNOT BE COMPLETED EASILY, SINCE PRC WANTS US "DROP" TAIWAN, BECOME "QUASI-ALLY" AGAINST MOSCOW. ADDS HAK MADE WORST MIS-

TAKES IN BANGLADESH/CYPRUS/ANGOLA DUE OVERESTIMATION EFFECTS THAT SHIFTS IN LOCAL POWER BALANCES WOULD HAVE ON CENTRAL US/PRC/USSR BALANCE.

NYT (1/16) CITES AS SECSTATE'S "FOREMOST OBJECTIVE" TO "PERSUADE, THREATEN AND FORCE" USSR INTO ENDURING POWER BALANCE. SAYS OPENING PRC MORE THAN MATTER RECOGNITION; WAS ALSO MAJOR LEVER INFLUENCE OVER RUSSIAN THOUGHT/BEHAVIOR. ADDS PRESERVING US IMAGE/CREDIBILITY ESSENTIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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FACTOR IN VN WITHDRAWAL, REASON WHY IT WAS "SO SLOW, GRUDGING" AND "BRUTAL."

13. INDOCHINA

ROCHE (WSTAR 1/14) DISSENTS W/UN AMB-DESIGNATE YOUNG'S STATEMENT THAT US HAS VESTED INTEREST IN STRONG VN; IS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT COMMUNISTS HAVE DONE TO MILLIONS VIETS; SAYS WE HAVE NO MORE INTEREST IN STRONG VN THAN STRONG UGANDA SINCE STRONGER STATE, MORE REPRESSIVE. OPINES WE MADE MORAL COMMITMENT TO INDOCHINA ALLIES; WHETHER COMMITMENT WISE/NOT, FACT IS WE DESERTED THEM/TURNED THEM OVER TO BUTCHERS. NOTES 1/8 KHMER HAVE DIED IN "SCHOOLYARD," HANOI FIRING SQUADS BUSY IN LAOS, AND 300,000 "DOING PENANCE" IN FORMER SVN. NOTES US ANTIWAR LEADERS ASK ENTRY TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS THOSE BEING REEDUCATED; REQUEST REFUSED ON GROUNDS NOTHING TO INVESTIGATE. CONCLUDES IF THEY ACCEPT THIS ANSWER, WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR "MORAL" CONCERN FOR VIETS' RTS WAS SPURIOUS/CYNICAL.

14. THAILAND

SIMONS (WP 1/16) NOTES ACTIONS/HOMAGE SURROUNDING PRAPHAS SINCE RETURN FROM POL EXILE, BELIEVES LEAVE LITTLE DOUBT EX-MIL STRONGMAN AGAIN FORCE IN POL LIFE. SAYS ANTICIPATED HE WILL EXERCISE POWERFUL INFLUENCE OVER MIL-BACKED GOVT. REPORTS SOME POL OBSERVERS EXPECT PM THANIN TO BE REPLACED IN NEXT FEW MOS, SINCE "TREADING ON THE TOES" OF SENIOR OFFICERS W/PURITANICAL IDEAS; BELIEVE PRAPHAS WILL BE ARMY'S TOP CHOICE AS REPLACEMENT THO OTHERS THINK HE WILL OPERATE BEHIND SCENES.

MORITZ (CSM) LOOKS OVER POL JOCKEYING, BELIEVES NEW RESHUFFLE LIKELY; INFIGHTING INTERFERING W/EMERGENCE COHERENT DOMESTIC/FOREIGN POLICIES. SAYS PRAPHAS' RETURN UNCLASSIFIED

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THOUGHT TO HAVE INCREASED LIKELIHOOD CHANGE. LISTS RECORD

THANIN GOVT: SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE IN CRIME; SOME PROGRESS
IN BOOSTING ECONOMY; REDUCTION LABOR UNREST BY OUTLAWING
STRIKES; CLAMP-DOWN ON DISSENT; CONTINUITY IN EDUCATIONAL/

SOCIAL/ECON POLICY W/PREVIOUS GOVTS; RENEWED EMPHASIS ON
TRADITIONAL VALUES AS MONARCHY/BUDDHISM/PATRIOTISM; CON-
TINUATION BANGKOK-ORIENTED CHARACTER OF GOVT W/NEGLECT
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